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NOTICE

This is a notice regarding your request for acceptance of a fee deficiency submission under 37 CFR 1.28. On September 1, 1998, the Court of Appeals for the Federal Circuit held that 37 CFR 1.28(c) is the sole provision governing the time for correction of the erroneous payment of the issue fee as a small entity. See DH Technology v. Synergystex International, Inc. 154 F.3d 1333, 47 USPQ2d 1865 (Fed. Cir. Sept. 1, 1998).

The Office no longer investigates or rejects original or reissue applications under 37 CFR 1.56. 1098 Off. Gaz. Pat. Office 502 (January 3, 1989). Therefore, nothing in this Notice is intended to imply that an investigation was done.

Your fee deficiency submission under 37 CFR 1.28 is hereby NOT ACCEPTED.

The fee deficiency cannot be accepted because no itemization has been submitted, as required by 37 CFR 1.28(C) (ii) which states:

- (2) Payment of deficiency owed. The deficiency owed, resulting from the previous erroneous payment of small entity fees, must be paid.
- (ii) Itemization of the deficiency payment. An itemization of the total deficiency payment is required. The itemization must include the following information:
- (A) Each particular type of fee that was erroneously paid as a small entity, (e.g., basic statutory filing fee, two-month extension of time fee) along with the current fee amount for non-small entity;
- (B) The small entity fee actually paid, and when. This will permit the Office to differentiate, for example, between two one-month extension of time fees erroneously paid as a small entity but on different dates;

- (C) The deficiency owed amount (for each fee erroneously paid); and
- (D) The total deficiency payment owed, which is the sum or total of the individual deficiency owed amounts set forth in paragraph (c)(2)(ii)(C) of this section.

As indicated above, the submission filed May 25, 2011, does not include a proper itemization. In this regard, the 3.5 year and the 7.5 year maintenance fees should be further itemized to include the appropriate items listed above.

This itemization must be provided within one (1) month of the mail date of this decision to avoid the return of the deficiency payment. See 37 CFR 1.28 (c)(3). No extension of this 1-month time limit will be granted under 37 CFR 1.136(a).

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